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## RED CROSS EFFORTS

### Local Chapter Adopts New Plan Work Must Not Stop Shipment Made

The question of financial support is now confronting the local Red Cross chapter. The work room has been in operation for nine months. The money for carrying on this work has come largely from membership dues, proceeds from dinners, benefits etc. The largest part of the money has been raised thru the efforts of women. Practically all the work in the work room has been done by the women. In other words the burden thus far has rested upon the shoulders of the women.

The finance committee believes that the responsibility of financing this patriotic work should be assumed by the men of Keytesville and the surrounding community. Pursuant to this belief a plan of direct giving for the support of the chapter has been devised. Briefly the plan is this: The committee is asking that a minimum of 150 men give one dollar or more each per month for a period of one year beginning March 1. In order to do away with the inconvenience of collecting all of the subscriptions each month, they are asking that the contributors give them 12, (one for each month). These checks are to be dated the month in which they are payable. The checks will not be payable until the time stated thereon, and will become null and void if the war terminates within the year. These checks will be deposited with the treasurer of the Red Cross and will be presented for payment as they come due.

Subscriptions will be taken from those who can not afford to give as much as \$1.00 per month and will be collected the first of each month.

They are asking for a minimum of \$150 per month, because it now takes that sum to finance the work. With good weather for work and increasing prices of material it will take more.

It is a patriotic duty to get behind this movement.

Your patriotism is not tested as much by how many liberty bonds you buy as it is by how much you give to the Red Cross. Will Keytesville respond to the test?

The finance committee is composed of L. W. Hansman, Chm. C. C. Carlstead, Rev. Mathews, Rev. Davis, T. P. Cooke, Oscar Woods, Geo. West, E. W. Her-ring, Ben Brewer, C. O. Sterner, Wallace Applegate, W. G. Agee, James Hershey, John Stephenson, Geo. Wahlbrink.

Don't wait for these men to call on you, call on them.

The local chapter of the A. R. C. made the following shipment to headquarters this week.

50 12x24 absorbent cotton pads  
360 8x15 absorbent cotton pads  
1300 8x4 gauze compresses  
1200 4x4 gauze wipes  
400 2x2 gauze wipes

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### No Hen with Dumplings

An order has gone forth that will cut off a favorite American dish, chicken and dumplings until June 1 of this year, a big fat hen always being understood as the chicken. Poultry dealers and all others may not buy hens nor pullets for food purposes until after June 1 and no one must slaughter hens for table use. The sale or exchange of hens may be conducted between those who wish to dispose of such poultry and those which wish to acquire for purposes of egg and hatching. Roosters are on the free list.

## Novel Coon Hunt

The most sedate can seldom resist seeing a coon fight and it was based on this certainty that Geo. Dewey gathered a crowd of our business men and sports one day last week and took them or had them ride, run or walk as they happened to be equipped for going somewhere, to his farm three quarters mile north east of town to cut a "coon tree" in the hollow of which he asserted he confidently believed that there were no less than a half dozen full grown and no guessing accurately how many young coons with the requisite number of old ring tails. It was who got there first. George had regulation saws and sharp axes on the ground and the four-foot-through elm was tackled from every side by willing and excited workers. The big tree stood on the bank of a big branch in which was about three feet of water under ice. Louie Hansman had the slope side saw end his foot slipped and down he went thru the ice. He was promptly rescued wet to the skin but on the job to get those coons. Dewey avowed several times, he was the look-out, that he saw several heads peering from the several holes way up the tree and bystanders confirmed the report. Increased energy on the gnarled giant of the forest with Bob Shands at the bank end of the long saw. His foot slipped and down he went in the hole Hansman had made in the ice. Salvage corps prompt and Bob dripped on the bank and shivered while gazing at the holes far above and fancying revenge for his ducking. Dogs of several sizes and varieties yelped about, becoming discouraged and several going off after rabbits in spite of assurance that bigger game was at hand and about to appear. After an hour and a half the big elm succumbed to the assaults of relays with saws on two sides and fell with stately dignity in the wrong direction, but it was down and the moment for business of the day had arrived. No coon or wiley bosche could have made his way thru the cordon of hunters and dogs surrounding the mass of twisted limbs and debris but time developed that neither was there nor thereabouts nor ever had been.

Everyone who has hunted coons can picture the various aspects of this bunch of hunters when it was reduced to a certainty by every device employed to chase the wily game from its lair that no coon was on hand or foot to fight. The shivering victims of the plunge were laughed at instead of being consoled and the disappointed, tired and weary hunters wended their way back to town. No sooner had they arrived than the word reached them that Geo. Dewey had employed the ruse to get the tree cut for saw logs. He did not show up for several days.

### Ground Hog Day

The claims of those that Feby. 2nd as well as of those who hold to the 14 of Feby. as the day on which Mr. Ground Hog comes forth to view the state of the weather will remain unestablished this year since both days were sunshiny. It is to be hoped that seeing his shadow will have nothing to do with the weather for the next six weeks.

Uncle Charlie Schell tried to follow the fashion by turning up sick the latter part of last week, and he overdid the matter and was very sick for a few days. It was not smallpox, but something which kept him confined without quarantine.

## Draft Board Action

### Registrants Called and Disposition of Men Left Unplaced.

332 men in Class 1 called for Physical examination.

Number Qualified 283.

Number Disqualified 99.

The following registrants will be called the week of Feb. 23 to fill quota under old draft regulation.

Order No.	Name	Address.
20	Edward Grotjan	Dalton
68	Frank Fuemmeler	Glasgow
176	Wm. Joseph Kelley	Hamden
287	Tamas Coleman	Aholt
332	Martin Friesz	Keytesville
365	Thomas Lewis	Salisbury

Registrants inducted into Military Service under new regulation.

Aviation Section Signal Corp Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex., (Brick-Layer)

1666	Buford G. Minor	Mendon
633	Harl Bates	Brunswick
1425	George Black	Salisbury

Land Division Signal Corp Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

1094	Thomas J. Hart	Mendon
1278	Cecil E. Littrell	Mendon

Camp Funston, Kans., (Induction out of order)

747	John E. Neal	Triplett
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Spruce Production Div. Aviation Sec. Signal Corp. Vancouver Barrack, Vancouver Washington, Induction No. 7.

880	Clark H. Joseph	Brunswick
825	Thomas J. Edemann	Sumner
1386	Geo. R. Edemann	Sumner
518	Carl B. Collet	Brunswick
914	Henry L. Stobaugh	Brunswick
524	Herley H. Mauzey	Brunswick
1025	Earl W. Syler	Brunswick
1432	Elmer E. Gates	Brunswick
1538	H. F. Mortimeyer	Brunswick
781	John B. Johnson	Keytesville

82 Registrants have enlisted in the Service

Local Board Chariton County.

### Salisbury Scribblings

Obe and Geo. King have sold their 160 acre farm to H. W. Orr of Clarence, Mo., at \$100 per acre.

L. T. Jackson of Brunswick attended the funeral of his mother here Saturday. He is the same genial Luther.

Decorators are beautifying the interior of the Christian church, this week and when completed, it will be a beauty.

Ollie Williams has rented a portion of the F. M. Stocker farm north of town, for the ensuing rent year.

S. E. Prather sold his 40 acre farm northeast of here to Wm. L. King for \$2500 and gives possession March first.

We are glad to report that A. Weiler and wife have returned from St. Louis with the former much benefited by his treatment at the hospital.

The fire alarm sounded Tuesday evening about 6:30 calling attention to a blaze at the home of Dutch Haring on E second St. Damage small and covered by insurance.

Frank Fetterhoff's little babe was taken very sick and it was necessary to call its father from Kansas City, where he was taking treatment, but is somewhat improved now.

"Mother", where is my soul," said a 3 year old Salisbury boy, "Why do you wish to know that son?" Because every night I pray the Lord my soul to take, and I wish to know where it is and what he is to do with it."

E. W. Palmer, a bachelor 64 years old, who lived with his sisters on Hutchinson street passed away last Thursday, after a lingering illness, and remains were interred in city cemetery. He was a member of the Christian church.

Sneak thieves entered the store of C. M. Prescott & Sons Sunday night and helped them-

selves to such things as fancy, or appetite, dictated. Milk chocolates and cigarettes were taken, a part of which has since been recovered, and with proper effort the culprits may be located.

Mrs. Mildred Jackson of E. Second street widow of the late T. J. Jackson, passed away at her home, after an extended illness, Thursday afternoon and remains were laid to rest in city cemetery on Saturday. Deceased was a kind good woman and most highly esteemed by all who knew her. She left several children all of whom are married.

### Early Days of Salisbury No. 2

The pioneer lawyers of Salisbury so far as we can learn, were W. S. Stockwell, J. B. Ellington, Thomas Brummall, L. D. Isbell, John Trigg and H. C. Minter. Those coming later were A. W. Johnson, W. H. Bradley, Fred Lamb, C. C. Hammond, P. D. Mitchell, A. C. Yocum, T. P. Schooler, W. B. Clark, T. M. Rice, Homer B. Love, A. T. Dumm, Laura B. Johnson, J. F. Pratt, J. A. Collet, Gilbert Lamb, Roy McKittrick and Clarence Brummall. It is a mooted question which one arrived here first, but W. S. Stockwell seems to have the best claim. He came very early and is with us yet, tho now retired from practice. Of the above list L. D. Isbell, J. B. Ellington, C. C. Hammond, W. H. Bradley, Homer B. Love and W. B. Clark are dead. In her early days Salisbury had a cosmopolitan population, some of them religiously inclined, in a small way, and the court dockets were much longer each term than they are now, and lawyers had more litigated practice than at the present.

Father Richardson has returned to his charge at Brunswick, looking much improved by his few weeks' rest.

Frank Nunn of Brunswick died Sunday and was buried in Elliott Grove cemetery Monday.

## High School Notes

Lena Harms is on the sick list this week.

Anna Parker was absent all last week.

Emma Clifton Rucker was absent from school Monday.

Ernestine Holman is on the sick list this week.

Elizabeth Edwards is a new member of the sixth grade.

Hulda Taylor is in school again after more than a weeks absence.

Leo Emerson graduate of the class of '17 visited our school Friday afternoon.

Jim Jackson Edwards has moved to town. He will not have so far to walk now.

Mr. Bond made a talk about the Junior Red Cross to the Junior and Senior girls, Monday.

Tom Allega was elected paper gather, as an assistant to Willie K. Rucker, for the remainder of the time.

Beginning Saturday, February the twenty-third, school will be held on Saturdays. That will put us out on May the third.

William Ruddy of Columbia enrolled in our high school Tuesday. He is a member of the Sophomore class. We welcome him.

Word was received from Courtney Miller. He is now stationed at Fort Riley, Kans. He expects to be there only a short time.

A debate was held in the agriculture class Tuesday. The question was "Resolved that we could get along better with insects than without them." Gertrude, Will, and Edward were affirmatives. Elizabeth, Cal and Turner took the negative. The affirmatives won by one vote. The remainder of the class were judges.

### Don't Lose This Money

Fees in the hands of J. O. Richardson County Treasurer, unclaimed, which if not called for will go into the General Revenue Funds of the County.

Ray James	\$2.00
Rev. Watts	3.90
R. H. Sellers	2.50
Williams	2.00
A. W. Merick	4.00
E. Sexton	4.50
W. H. Becket	3.00
Carter A. Johnson	2.50
John P. McGarth	2.50
James Christmas	1.00
Lon Craig	1.40
Mrs. Joe Broyles	.50
Lula Lake	1.30
Wm. Cupp	.50
Geo. P. Weinbriner	1.00
F. E. Kinsley Inquest	\$1.00
R. Skoggs	" 1.00
Paul E. Taylor	" 1.00
G. M. Whiting	" 1.00
M. R. Settleworth	" 1.00
O. N. Stanton	" 1.00
J. O. Richardson, Co. Trsr.	

### The Ground Hog

The ground hog came forth on the second day and his shadow is what he seen, he scratched his nose and blinked his eyes and thought on the people he would spring a surprise. At last he turned round for the sun came out and back in the ground he crept; and lay himself down on his bed of leaves and six weeks longer he slept. The sky has been clear and the weather like spring, so the ice men had to be awfully spry, yet this ground hog story is an adage of old, but don't you really think that he's told us a lie? —I. L. R.

Bob Shands says, Louie Hansman is no match for him in ice water.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR

### Russia Releases Million Prisoners Decisive Battle Expected French Fight

The not unexpected has been done by Russia, and a million two hundred thousand prisoners of the Central Powers army have been liberated, and these, when fed and recuperated, are to be added to the German army in the West. Much concern is felt among Allies about where their lines will be struck and with what force.

Both sides appear to be preparing for a decisive battle. Airplanes and U boats are very much in evidence.

Germans sinking vessels faster than Great Britain and United States can build them. French drive Germans back, destroy shelters and capture several prisoners. 28 German planes said to have been brot down in 10 days. U. S. Sharpshooters run Tuetons out of front positions. 170 U. S. lost on torpedoed Andania.

### Assessed Wealth \$27,399,536.00

According to official figures given out by W. W. White, County Clerk the assessed valuation of Chariton County for the year 1918, is \$27,399,536.00 which is an increase of \$16,967,405.00 over last year's assessment. The assessments given below according to townships.

Townships	1918	1917
Bee Branch	\$1,349,615	\$ 504,895
Bowling Green	1,757,354	500,923
Brunswick	3,999,404	1,363,448
Chariton	1,072,710	453,245
Clark	335,393	335,340
Cockrell	878,113	285,990
Cunningham	2,031,082	828,489
Keytesville	1,050,225	898,350
Mendon	1,933,485	521,528
Missouri	659,483	218,061
Muskefork	379,835	342,204
Salisbury	5,295,173	1,920,116
Salt Creek	1,325,850	424,454
Triplett	2,119,885	716,079
Wayland	1,527,039	509,314
Yellow Creek	1,885,090	610,695
Total	27,399,536	10,432,131

The average assessment of live stock and farm lands for the county for this year is as follows:

Horses	\$ 72.08 per head
Asses & Jennets	134.88 per head
Mules	89.29 per head
Cattle	42.36 per head
Sheep	8.06 per head
Hogs	10.99 per head
Farm Lands	41.96 per acre
Town Lots	356.20 each

The County Board of Equalization which will meet in April, will equalize all property and the County Court will at their May meeting make the levy for the coming tax year. The Governor has also said that he will call a special meeting of the Legislature sometime early this year to make a new State Levy, made necessary by the increased assessed valuation.

### Stock Market

#### Kansas City

Top steers \$13.00; hogs \$16.10; lambs \$16.60.

Our readers will know how to account for the scarcity of reading matter if they will glance all over this issue.

There is no smallpox here at this writing, and all who "caught it" are about their business, little the worse for their spots.

Isaiah Masters of Brunswick died Monday. He was a well thot of citizen.

The March winds of February blew terrifically yesterday.

See the sale ads in this issue. Drag the roads, now.